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### Christmas Gift Math



Here's a twist on an old number puzzle. Try it with your students.

How many presents do you want to receive?

1. Pick more than one but less than 10.
2. Multiply that number by 2.
3. Add 5.
4. Multiply that result by 50.
5. If your birthday has occurred this year, add 1763 to that result. If your birthday is still to come this year, add 1762.
6. Subtract the year (all four digits) in which you were born.

The result will be a three-digit number. The first digit will be the number of presents you want to receive, and the last two digits will be your age.

### Product News



Now students can practice their math facts using Flash Card Math from their phone or any mobile device. Just look for the Ascend Education Flash Card Math app on iTunes. Parents may buy it for \$.99. What a great little stocking stuffer.

### Tip of the Month



Now is a terrific time to create some progress monitoring quizzes for the new year. These quizzes can show how your students are progressing in the level or levels they have already completed. You can also create a specific quiz that will help

view and track your students' skills in a particular area like Numbers & Operations. To review how to create quizzes check out your teacher guide or our articles in the [Knowledge Base](#). Just click Help within Ascend.



## Partner School Highlight



Congratulations to all the educators and students at Holabird Middle School in Baltimore, MD. They are the December Partner School of the Month. Already this year, students have completed 2087 objectives and 72% have gained 1 or more grade levels.

"The kids are awesome!," writes Amy Boyd. "They are increasing their levels by an average of over 200% within the first quarter. My administration is ecstatic! We are very happy with the program."



## Ascend Math Blog Recent Posts



- [Special Education Administrator Shares Strategies for Math Intervention](#)
- [Just released study indicates 15-year olds falling behind in math](#)
- [District Administration Magazine names Ascend Math to Top 100 Products for 2013](#)
- [Advice For Getting More Math Intervention Time with Students](#)
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